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1. In Wismar (53°54'N/11°27'E), the channel from the sea and the approach channels to the various harbor basins are 8 meters deep (26'3"). Ships drawing up to 7.5 meters (24'7") can be loaded at the potash tilting plant. The water depth there is 8 meters (26'3"). Ships can be loaded to a draft of 6.5 meters (21'4") right along side the dock at the sea-board slaughter house. The water depth there is 6.9 meters (22'6"). Ships drawing up 7.5 meters (24'7") can be loaded on the northern side of the phosphate port where the water depth is 7.9 meters (26'0"). Ships drawing up to 5.5 meters (18'0") can be loaded on the northern side of the Old Harbor and up to 5.2 meters (17'1") on the southern side. The water depth there is 5.5 meters (18'0").
2. In Warnemuende (54°11'N/12°05'E), the channel through the mole entrance was deepened to 8 meters (26'3") and can be navigated by ships drawing up to 7.5 meters (24'7"). At the dock of the Neuer Strom (New Stream), ships drawing up to 7.2 meters (23'7") can be loaded, the water depth there being 7.6 meters (25'0"). At the Turning Basin (Wendebacken), the water depth is 6 meters (19'8") and ships drawing up to 5.5 meters (18'0") can be loaded there.
3. The channel between Warnemuende and Rostock is 6.5 meters (21'4") deep and can be navigated by vessels drawing up to 20'. At the Fishhall in Rostock, the mean water depth is 6 meters (19'8"), and ships drawing up to 5.6 meters (18'5") can be loaded there. At the coaling dock, the water depth is 6.3 meters (20'8"), and ships drawing up to 6 meters (19'8") can be loaded there. At the ore dock, the water depth is 6.5 meters (21'4") and ships drawing up to 6.3 meters (20'8") can be loaded there. At Crane 2, near the Lagerter (Warehouse Gate), at the cranes 4 and 5, and at the grain silos 1 to 5, the mean water depths are 6.1 meters (20'0"), and ships drawing up to 19' can be loaded at these dock-berths.
4. In Stralsund (54°19'N/13°06'E) ships drawing up to 4.25 meters (14'0") can enter through the western entrance; vessels drawing up to 5.2 meters (17'1") can enter through the eastern entrance. In front of Potash Shed 1, ships drawing up to 4.7 meters (15'5") can be loaded, the water depth being 5 meters (16'5"). Ships drawing up to 5.2 meters (17'1") can be loaded in front of Potash Shed 2 where the water depth is 5.5 meters (18'0"). In front of the "Ballastkiste" (ballast barge) the water depth is 5.6 meters (18'5"); hence ships drawing up to 5.2 meters (17'1") can be loaded. The Ballastkiste was recently fitted with spur tracks, and general cargo is chiefly handled there.

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* ☐ Comment. As a result of dredging operations, which are underway in almost all ports in the Soviet Zone of Germany, most of the soundings deviate from those given on sea charts. As the water depths in Soviet Zone harbors are kept secret by order of the Chief of the Sea Police and must not be published, international shipping depends on reports made by ships calling at these ports.

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